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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: RECENT AUSTRIAN CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY: AUSTRIANS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED SINCE BEGINNING OF YEAR IN BUSY ROUND OF BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION DISCUSSIONS. TALKS SUMMARIZED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. FRG -- TALKS WERE HELD IN BONN IN JANUARY DEALING MAINLY WIT LUFTHANSA'S OPPOSITION TO AUA'S PROPOSED VIENNA/DUSSELDORF SERVICE IN SUMMER 1975. LUFTHANSA ALSO REPORTEDLY UNHAPPY WITH ALLEGED 60 PER CENT MARKET SHARE AUA HAS IN AUSTRO-GERMAN MARKET. TRANSPORT MINISTER LANC RECENTLY DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH FRG COUNTERPART, AND ANOTHER ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO RESOLVE PROBLEM IN TALKS SCHEDULED LATE MARCH. (VIENNA 1986).

3. U.K. -- TALKS HELD WITH U.K. IN VIENNA FEB. 10-12,

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FOLLOWING BRITISH RESTRICTION OF AUA FLIGHTS TO LONDON

FROM 11 TO 7 FLIGHTS PER WEEK. AUSTRIANS ALSO UNHAPPY WITH WHAT THEY REGARD AS EXCESSIVE BRITISH PROMOTION OF CHARTER TRAFFIC IN AUSTRIA. BRITISH CHARTER FLIGHTS TO AUSTRIA INCLUDING FLIGHTS FROM WEST BERLIN HAVE GREATLY EXCEEDED AUSTRIAN CHARTER TRAFFIC TO U.K. RESULT OF IMPASSE WAS AUSTRIAN DECISION TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON BRITISH CHARTER FLIGHTS REPORTED VIENNA'S 1969.

4. GREECE -- TALKS HELD WITH GREEKS IN ATHENS LATE JANUARY CONCERNING PROPOSED GREEK RESTRICTIONS ON AUA FLIGHTS TO ATHENS. WE UNDERSTAND TALKS SUCCESSFUL FROM AUSTRIAN STANDPOINT AND THAT AUAWILL FLY ITS FULL SCHEDULE OF 8 FLIGHTS WEEKLY IN SUMMER SEASON.

5. POLAND -- TALKS HELD IN WARSAW FEB. 26 CONCERNING AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL TO INCREASE ITS WARSAW FLIGHTS FROM 6 TO 7 PER WEEK. POLES REPORTEDLY AGREED TO INCREASE IN FREQUENCY, IN RETURN FOR SOME AUA COMPENSATION IN CASH.

6. ROMANIA -- TALKS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN VIENNA. ISSUE IS ROMANIAN PROPOSAL TO REDUCE AUA FLIGHTS TO BUCHAREST FROM 7 TO 4 WEEKLY.

7. IN ADDITION, BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN WAS INITIALED IN VIENNA, FEB. 19. AGREEMENT, CONCLUDED AT JORDANIAN REQUEST, IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY GOVERNMENTS. NO DETAILS ON AGREEMENT ARE AVAILABLE AS YET.

8. GENERAL TREND OF AUA PLANS IS TOWARD OPERATING DAILY SERVICES TO EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS, INCREASING FREQUENCIES WHEN WARRANTED IN EUROPEAN/ MEDITERRANEAN AREAS AND ADDING SERVICES TO ADDITIONAL POINTS. IN ADDITION TO PROPOSED DUSSELDORF SERVICE, AUA INTENDS TO RESUME VIENNA/BRUSSELS FLIGHTS THIS YEAR, AND TO LAUNCH NEW SERVICES TO STOCKHOLM, AND HELSINKI NEXT YEAR.MOWINCKEL

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